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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

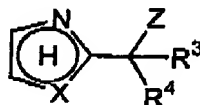
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 2, 2003, please make the Amendment and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time, an Information Disclosure Statement, and a Request for Continuing Examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 21 and 22 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of synthesizing highly substituted azole compounds having the general formula (Ia):



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